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### **Princeton-Blairstown Center Elects Janet Smith Dickerson As Honorary Trustee**

**PRINCETON, NJ, August 14, 2017** – The Princeton-Blairstown Center (PBC) elected a new Honorary Trustee, Janet Smith Dickerson. Honorary Trustees are selected from those Board Members who have served on the Board of Directors with great distinction and excellence. The total number of Honorary Trustees is restricted to 15 members and it is a lifetime position.

Janet served Princeton University as its first Vice President for Campus Life (2000-2010), Duke University as Vice President for Student Affairs (1991-2000), and Swarthmore College as Associate Dean and then Dean of the College (1976-1991). She began her career in education as a teacher and guidance counselor in Cincinnati Public Schools after completing her Bachelor of Arts at the Western College for Women (now Miami University of Ohio) and her Master's in Counseling Psychology at Xavier University, Cincinnati.

She served as a PBC Trustee from 2001 to 2013 and as a Co-President of the Board of Trustees from 2010 to 2013; leading the organization with grace and a focus on the Center's mission during a time of transition and growth. She currently serves on the Board of Managers of Swarthmore College (Vice Chair of the Student Affairs and Social Responsibility Committees), Board of Project Pericles, and the Board of the Western College Alumnae Association Inc. (Vice President). She is also engaged with other local civic organizations including the YWCA, PSRC, and the New Brunswick Presbytery. She and her husband live in Princeton, NJ.

“We are thrilled to have Janet join our very distinguished group of Honorary Trustees. She played a critical role in PBC's relationship with Princeton University. During her thirteen years with PBC, she was an incredible advocate for PBC and the young people we serve. She is truly deserving of the recognition of Honorary Trustee,” said Pam Gregory, President & CEO.

#### **About the Princeton-Blairstown Center**

PBC is an independent nonprofit with a mission to empower young people, primarily from under-resourced communities, to strengthen their social-emotional skills through experiential, environmental, and adventure-based programming. Social Emotional Learning (SEL) includes five core competencies: self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationship skills, and responsible decision-making. Our wide variety of year-round, multi-service programs serve more than 6,500 students each year, including 450 in our award-winning Summer Bridge Program which combats summer learning loss and teaches critical 21<sup>st</sup> Century skills.

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